



## TASTING NOTES

### 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley

Reflecting the outstanding vintage, the captivating nose of this wine shows dark and brooding aromas of cassis, plum and blackberry, touched by exotic notes of lavender, anise, pencil lead and leather. On the palate, rich flavors of ripe black fruits are wrapped around a firm structure of fine-grained tannins, minerality and beautiful freshness that carry on into the long, satisfying finish.

Notes from winemakers Françoise Peschon and Nigel Kinsman, "The consistency of an exceptional vintage is expressed in the purity, length and fineness of this wine - it is deep and powerful, yet perfectly integrated, seamless from approach to finish, full of plush flavor from ripe fruit, ending with silky tannins and graphite that linger on the palate."

## WINEGROWING INFORMATION

2016 in Napa Valley was viewed by growers and vintners alike as a 'vintage of exceptional quality'. Late winter and early spring rains brought welcome relief from the long-running drought, filling the soils with moisture which, coupled with a lack of frost and warm spring temperatures, allowed an early budbreak and rapid development of the grapevine canopies. The weather at bloom was beautifully consistent, leading to a good set of small berries that resulted in moderate crop levels. The gorgeous summer months were relatively cool with very few heat spikes, and with veraison

finishing in late July, the grapes had ample time to develop full flavors while retaining excellent acidity and freshness. Our red grape harvest began on September 15th with Cabernet Franc and finished on October 8th with Cabernet Sauvignon. All the grapes were hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery for crush into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. The wine was aged for 22 months in new and used French oak barrels and was bottled in July 2018.



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98pts

Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is blended of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot and was bottled in August 2018. Deep garnet-purple colored, it bursts out of the glass with exotic spice notes of star anise, fenugreek and cumin seed over a core of blackberry pie, wild blueberries and warm cassis with hints of kirsch, cigar box and mocha plus a waft of smoked meats. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with vibrant black, blue and red fruits plus tons of spicy sparks, framed by wonderfully ripe, fine-grained tannins and beautiful freshness, finishing long and perfumed."

Lisa Perotti Brown, Wine Advocate, December 2018

97+pts

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"The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon feels like it hasn't developed much over the last year, and I see that as a positive. Silky, nuanced and still very vibrant, the 2016 is just as inspiring as it was when I tasted it last year. Fresh, floral and medium in body, with terrific depth, the 2016 is positively stellar. Bright floral and spice notes add freshness to this super-expressive, sublime Cabernet Sauvignon from Accendo."

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2020

96pts

Wine Spectator

"Richly layered, with ripe and caressing cassis, plum preserves, boysenberry reduction and açai berry fruit flavors. There's a chocolate backdrop and alluring toast notes throughout, with a subtle graphite edge on the very fine-grained finish to keep this red honest. A beautiful display of fruit and very Oakville in style. Drink now through 2035. 1,240 cases made."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Nov 2019

